

Subject: Tim Gunn, Project Runway, announced as latest Treasures honoree - May 11

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CCA Special Event

Announcing the honorees of CCA's **23rd Annual Treasures of Los Angeles!** We recognize the outstanding contributions the following Angelenos have made to this city:

Reverend Andy J. Bales is the CEO of Union Rescue Mission located in Skid Row, serving the most desperate members of the L.A. community. He first joined the staff in 2005, addressing the need for transitional housing & permanent supportive housing through URM's Hope Garden Family Center. The center serves abandoned and destitute women with children and elderly women.

Brandon Beck is the Co-Founder, Chairman & CEO of Riot Games. As lifelong gamers, Brandon and his co-founder Marc Merrill founded the company in 2006 with a vision to make a different kind of company - one focused on changing the way video games are developed, delivered, and supported for players. Riot's mission is to be the most player-focused company in the world.

The **Los Angeles Air Force Base** employs 5,000 employees nationwide, boasting a budget of \$6 billion annually and providing jobs to the local economy. Decorated **Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves** (Commander, Space and Missile Systems Center, Air Force Space Command) will be accepting the award.

Tim Gunn is an author, executive, and Emmy-winning *Project Runway* co-host. He served on the faculty of Parsons The New School for Design, chair of fashion design, then chief creative officer. His popularity on *Project Runway* led to two spin-off shows, Bravo's *Tim Gunn's Guide to Style* and Lifetime's *Under the Gunn*. He is executive producer and mentor to the teen designers on *Project Runway: Junior*.

Sue Laris founded *L.A. Downtown News* in 1972 when she realized there weren't any other Downtown-related weeklies at the time. Over the years, the newspaper's folksy approach and loyal advertisers sustained it while others succumbed to diminishing readership and the high cost of newsprint.

Council President Herb J. Wesson, Jr. reprises his role as **Emcee** of Treasures of Los Angeles. He has represented Council District 10 since 2005, presiding over monumental policy initiatives such as pension reform, increasing voter turnout, and raising the minimum wage.

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